

Friday, September 3, 2021

The Fraser River Panel met Friday, September 3, to receive an update on the migration of Fraser River sockeye and pink salmon and review the status of migration conditions in the Fraser River watershed. It is currently estimated that 1,696,300 and 1,499,700 sockeye and pink salmon, respectively, have passed the Mission hydroacoustics site, and 15,400 sockeye and 172,200 pink salmon have been caught downstream of Mission. At today's meeting, the Panel adopted a Summer-run run size of 1,475,000, with an associated Area 20 timing of August 13 and a proportional Management Adjustment (pMA) of 0.19. For the Late run, the Panel adopted a run size of 300,000, with an associated Area 20 timing of August 18. There is no available harvest at this increased run size and adopted pMA.

The discharge of the Fraser River at Hope on September 2 was 1,847 cms, which is approximately 25% lower than average for this date. The temperature of the Fraser River at Hope on September 2 was 16.6°C, which is 0.3°C less than average for this date. At the Big Bar landslide site, discharge levels remain below the historical average, and natural salmon passage is continuing. Fraser River discharge levels and water temperatures will be monitored closely to determine if specific management actions are required during the in-river migratory period to help achieve sockeye escapement goals.

#### **CANADIAN FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS**

All Canadian Panel Area waters remain closed to commercial salmon fishing.

#### **UNITED STATES FRASER RIVER PANEL AREA WATERS**

##### **TREATY INDIAN FISHERY:**

Areas 4B, 5, and 6C: Extend for drift gillnet fishing from 12 p.m. (noon), Saturday, September 4, 2021, through 12 p.m. (noon), Tuesday, September 7, 2021. Sockeye non-retention, all efforts must be made to release sockeye alive.

Areas 6, 7, and 7A in the area southerly and easterly of a straight line drawn from Iwersen dock on Point Roberts in the State of Washington to the Georgina Point Light at the entrance to Active Pass in the Province of British Columbia: Open for net fishing from 5 a.m., Saturday, September 4, 2021, through 9 a.m., Tuesday, September 7, 2021. Sockeye non-retention, all efforts must be made to release sockeye alive.

The next in-season meeting of the Panel is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.